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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61F 11/00, 2/08		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of <u>3</u> sheets.
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items: I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2003/010597

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☐ the international application as originally filed☒ the description:

pages 1-11, as originally filed

pages, filed with the demand

pages, filed with the letter of

☒ the claims:

pages 2-6, as originally filed

pages, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19

pages, filed with the demand

pages 1, 7-9, filed with the letter of 07 June 2004 (07.06.2004)

☒ the drawings:

pages 1-5, as originally filed

pages, filed with the demand

pages, filed with the letter of

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages, as originally filed

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the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).



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The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



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4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☐ the description, pages☐ the claims, Nos.☐ the drawings, sheets/fig5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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International Application No.

PCT/JP 03/10597

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 11-502088 A (International Business Machines Corp.), 16 February 1999, entire text, all drawings, & WO 97/13127 A1 & EP 852708 A & US 69522721 A

Document 2: JP 61-170457 A (Johanna Ingeborg HOCHMAIR et al.), 01 August 1986, & US 4593696 A & EP 190836 A1

Document 3: JP 11-160143 A (Sumitomo Metal Ind., Ltd.), 18 June 1999, & AU 6801498 A

The invention that is set forth in claims 1-9 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 and document 3 cited in the international search report, and newly cited document 2. Document 1 (page 29, upper left column, line 15 to upper right column, line 4) discloses a feature wherein electrodes are made to interact with the auditory nerves; therefore, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to substitute such a sensor for the detection means that is disclosed in document 2. In addition, document 3 discloses a feature wherein one end of each resonator constitutes an independent "fishbone" sensor; therefore, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to configure so that the sensors in the detection means that is disclosed in document 1 are also independent.